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Censorship Controversy

Glass & an English Department
put Clamps on "Convivio" Magazine
by JEROME CLARK

"I'd call it censorship," one English instructor states flatly.

"This is not a case of censorship," says another. "People think that any restraint is censorship. That's not true here."

The issue is Convivio and the question is the right of a campus publication to print anything it chooses, even in the face of possible retribution from those who do not like the material.

MSU English department, Convivio has traditionally been unnoticed and unknown. Few students had even heard of it and fewer still had ever read it.

But all that has changed this year. New Convivio stands in the center of a controversy that extends far beyond the classroom, according to some, into the halls of the Minnesota state legislature.

The Fargo Forum exploded the story on the front page of its March 28 issue, reporting that the Knights of Columbus in Fargo had refused to publish Convivio because it contained stories that are "morally warped and filled with four-letter words."

New Germans, professor of the printing company, called the Forum and announced his decision after one of his employees objected to a story entitled "Cold Crucifixes," by MSC freshman Tom McCann.

Dr. Clarence Glassmard, chairman of the English department, told the Forum that freedom of expression was not the issue here. "The students have the right to express themselves," he said. "They have revolution fever."

On April 11 Dr. Glassmard chaired an open meeting to discuss the fate of Convivio. Explaining that the paper had made "two mistakes, neither of which was made by us," and under which would be McCann's and Convivio editor Larry Peterson's "American Scene," Glassmard reminded, "The material as its stands cannot be published under the auspices of the English department. Technically the college is responsible for the paper, but I would like to see it being done by the department."

Glassmard characterized one story as "probably libelous" and as "morally wrong." He cited the possibility that the state legislature could cut off college funds if confronted with another "dirty word" controversy.

In a strongly-worded reply editor Peterson said, "Convivio should be published for three reasons. The first is quite simply artistic and intellectual integrity, unless it is desirable that Convivio come out yearly like the tribal and not done by any one person, then, to cater to the tastes of the state legislators and local printers. Secondly, if we, the editors, make the paper an articulate and literate medium that can be understood by more English majors be troubled by the children, or can the English faculty who, after all, have given us most of our standards, trust their own literary judgment."

"Finally, events in the last quarter have clearly demonstrated . . . that student rights or even the rights of students as human beings are a facet of this college."

(Peterson's full statement appears on the editorial page of this issue.)

While supported by Dr. Bernard Herdingen, Convivio advisor, who was unable to attend the meeting. Herdingen called the hearing "shameful." "It seems to me," he said, "the burden is on the censors, not on the censored."

He urged the department to back Peterson along with Michael Mosse and Richard Callender of the Convivio Editorial Board.

In the meantime the heated debate that followed, Glassmard defended himself against critical questions from students and some faculty members. "I have to live with myself," he said. "What you think of me and my actions at this point matters little, I'm trying to keep all I've seen of students and instructors and I'll see you down the road long after you've gone, I'll be here."

Dr. Frank Kendick said he would feel "extremely frustrated" by the precedent that was set.

Allan Zerbe insisted, "In any civil society there is a point reached in terms of the democratic one, freedom of expression is not absolutely unqualified. I have concerns about libel and sedition as examples."

Kim Giddings, Student Senate Vice President, noted, in reference to the question of legislative prerogatives, "A good administration says no to the community," said Glassmard to his college and university audiences across the nation, "I'm not trying to lead you in the dark."

Glassmard announced that the English department would meet to work on the issue the following day and long afterward the meeting adjured, Glassmard's mind unclenched.

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The next morning, after meeting with the faculty, Glassmard resigned as editor, "It is humbly impossible for me to pretend to edit a magazine which has been censored," he concluded.

"I cannot so readily turn my back on the principles of academic freedom and artistic integrity."

-Con't. on p. 10

Senate Debates Budget

Larry Peterson

The important Budget Committee Report was the main business taken up by the Student Senate at their April 14 meeting.

The Budget Committee Report recommends the amount of money to be allocated by the Student Senate to the different departments of the college. Dr. Eugene Phillips, chairman of the Bud- get Committee, reported that the requests for all the budgets was 40% greater than the amount of money available. Dr. Phillips also said that $100,000 would be cut from the different budgets of the college before the budgets could be introduced in the Student Senate. These cuts in the budget caused considerable debate in some of the departments because they thought that they were being undercut in their requests.

The next major debate came over the $33,750.00 not allocation given to the Athletic Department. Physical Education Sena- tor Long stated that the Athletic Department has the second lowest budget for athletics in the state college system. Mr. Long also stated that most of the increase over last year's budget would go for traveling expenses. Some of these expenses were food, lodging and transportation. Mr. Long also said that the different coaches decide how they divide this money among the numerous sports.

Arguments against the proposed Athletic budget were based upon the fact that there is very poor attendance at many of the sports events held on campus. Another argument against this budget was that it is a decrease in field hockey and that the Athletic Department has no academic sandbag to keep water away from homes and businesses.

Friday, April 11, a informed students of the Moorhead State Co- llege's administration building said the spirit seemed to be catch- ing because more and more students were volunteering to sandbag homes in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Many girls were among the volunteers.

In the afternoon I talked with James Grondahl, Clay County civil defense director. He said the situation of flooded roads and waterways was not too bad. Grondahl had been on for three days assisting at flood control. Now, more than likely it's been all water.

The Moorhead Country Club in north Moorhead had over 40 students sandbagging around the clubhouse's south wall. Many students had been working three days, said club manager Milan Clemens.

The flood had about five feet of fill and about four feet of sandbags. When completed, the dike was to be good for a creas of 20 feet. I watched students come in and eat a dinner of french fries and chicken.

Place, Route 2, Moorhead; the Roel addition. Roger Carpenter was putting a roof on his home's west side, facing the river. He hoped this would keep the water out of his basement.

There was a shed about 100 yards away. The night before he could walk to the shed, said Carpenter, now it's under about two feet of water.

Ernest Sturley, business in- stuctor at Moorhead Technical School, had some students building a sandbag wall on the river side of his home. "The boys are doing a good job," he said. He was building the wall for a crest of 38 feet.

A reporter, covering a flood with a motor vehicle, should have a jeep. While on a muddy country road, south of Moorhead, my car slid onto the soft shoulder. About an hour later, after waiting, calling and waiting, Ralph Blythe, from Round Lake purely, came in his four-wheel drive pickup, I was freed and five dollars was.

At South Brookdale housing area, east of Interstate 94, MSC's Sig Taus were helping sandbag homes along River Shore Drive.

-Con't. on p. 5

Arrested

Brian Coyle, former MSC hu- manities instructor, was ar- rested Tuesday morning as a result of his December 12th in- duction refusal. Mr. Coyle was taken to Minneapolis and released the same day on his personal recognizance. As this goes to press, he is returning to Moor- head. Watch the Mistle for a complete story later this month.

-Con't. on pg. 11

Dr. Glassmard
Action on Women's Dorm Hours Stalled

by SARA JOHNSON
(from an interview with Student Senor Rod Halvorson)

On Monday, Jan. 28, 1969, Senor Carol Johnson moved WHEREAS: A double standard exists at MSC,
WHEREAS: This double standard is unfair and un-American, and unjustifiable,
BE IT RESOLVED: That women's dorm hours be abolished at MSC, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That interested student senators meet with respective dorm council immediately to discuss this matter.

On Friday, this meeting was held, and it was decided to meet again in two weeks, during which time the dorm councilors would discuss the issue with the students on their respective floors.

The proposed meeting did not materialize, but Dean Hume called a secret meeting that contributed some confusion by bringing up different possibilities for wording the proposition—namely, which students should have hours, whether need parental consent, etc. The counselors were told to go back and talk some more with the students.

Three weeks after the initial meeting, there was another, also made up of dorm council members and interested senators. The proposal generally agreed upon was as follows: hours for the first quarter freshmen, no hours for second and third quarter freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. At the end of Winter Quarter, the Inter-dorm Council altered this decision, and the proposal was again changed, and more meetings were held. The last proposal was not accepted, and the proposal was accepted as presented above, and presumed that the Personnel Office would act on this and that it would be into effect Spring Quarter.

No action was taken.

When students returned to the changed situation, a petition protesting this lack of action was circulated. It was signed by 350 dorm women—mainly fresh-

Minnesota Symphony
The internationally renowned Minnesota Symphony Orchestra will be performing at 8:15 p.m., Thursday, April 24 in the Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse.

Founded in 1903, the Symphony is currently under the very able direction of Stanislaw Skrowaczewski. A peace singer among U.S. orchestras, the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra is now in its 66th year and looks forward to being one of the Midwest's first regional musical institutions.

The concert will begin with Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor (orchestral by Skrowaczewski) followed by Lutoslawski's Symphony. Following a brief intermission, the Symphony will conclude with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Opus 92.

Student tickets are available for $1 with an activity ticket at the Series for the Performing Arts office located in the Center for the Arts.

Forensics Rate Excellent

MSC Forensics were rated "excellent" along with the top 90% of the delegates who attended the national Pi Kappa Delta convention held at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz., April 1, 2, 3, and 4.

There were 178 schools attending from 38 different states. The MSC students who attended and the events in which they participated were: Pam Cooper, Bill Zuber, Glenwood, Darby Armstrong, Dave Jeska, Steve Leib, and Nira Elbers, Westmont.

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Soc Speaks on Huck

Dr. Clarence Glassrud will be the featured speaker at Open House at the Moorhead Library April 20, first Sunday of National Library Week. The topic will be the novel "Huckleberry Finn."

This novel has been controversial ever since it was written in 1885. It was banned from various libraries in this country as profane trash suitable only for the slums. The author's wife censored several passages of the book after his death. Today it is considered the most powerful argument in literature against racism, yet it is banned in several places because of references to "niggers."

Dr. Glassrud will explain discussion and by reading passages, why he believes this is a great novel. This promises to be an amazing program as well as stimulating one, for Dr. Glassrud is well known for his readings of HUCK.

Also featured during National Library Week will be an art exhibit of work done by high school students in Moorhead. Various types of work will be displayed.

Hours of the Open House, which is sponsored by Moorhead "Friends-of-the-Library," are from 1-30 p.m. with Dr. Glassrud's talk at 2 p.m. Tea will be served by the "Friends."

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Conduct Committee Answers its Critics

"The thing about the Student Conduct Committee is, man, it's pretty rich... I like to think that I'm helping students... If you really think that the committee should be changed, find me a student we have wronged." This is the opinion expressed by Mr. Ted Larson, son of the committee for which he is chairman.

The Student Conduct Committee hears cases of students who break college rules. Larson pointed out that the committee is the only group on campus that can make decisions concerning student conduct. The dormitory judicial boards, before whom most dorm students first appear, can either drop the case or send their recommendations on to the committee. Only after the case has been brought before the committee by Dean Leo Salteret, the ex officio member, and the committee has interviewed the student can a definite course of action be decided upon.

1. The case may be dismissed.
2. The committee may issue an unofficial verbal warning, in which case the point of suspension is established in the case if the offense is repeated.
3. The committee may issue an official warning which is written and included in the student's file. An additional copy may be sent to the student's parents.
4. The most common type of reprimand is disciplinary probation, which generally includes the recommendation of counseling. Larson pointed out that this type of reprimand is common because offenses for which less severe action would be given generally do not come before the committee.
5. The student may be suspended from the college for a set period of time, generally one quarter.
6. The student may be expelled from the college, in which case the student will not be allowed to appeal or after the last of the two punishments has been used since Larson has been chairman.

The committee has been the subject of a great deal of criticism for its structure and procedures. According to the information provided by Larson, there seems to be a gap between the actions that the committee may take and what it actually does.

One of the criticisms leveled against the committee, for example, has been that a student who has been punished off-campus may face suspension by the committee for the same offense. Larson admitted that this accusation is "probably right," but that it is "not the duty of the committee to determine its function."

John, according to Larson, is outlined by the Student Senate and the Administration, and it is not the responsibility of the committee to determine whether such jobs are right or wrong.

Larson pointed out, however, that in many cases the local authorities turn a student over to the Conduct Committee rather than prosecuting him, and that the committee often fails to report offenses to the off-campus authority once they have dealt with it.

Another criticism of the committee is that the student stands alone when accused with no defense council. Larson denied this, saying that any student is required to request a faculty member or counselor to speak for him.

R.A.'s have also been criticized for taking unjust liberties with master keys in looking for evidence for the committee - over half of whose cases deal with drinking or possession of liquor in the dorm rooms. Larson pointed out that once again this is not a policy-setting group, and thus they have no real standards for determining what an R.A. should be doing in disciplining his students. Larson also noted two examples in which R.A.'s have been "reprimanded" for their "approach" in gathering evidence.

Confronted with the possible hypocrisy of punishing a few students who are unfortunate enough to get caught drinking when the problem is so widespread, Larson pointed out that there simply aren't enough police to catch everyone, and that these reprimands are "part of the student's educational experience."

Larson stated that if the students weren't happy with the make-up of the group, they should attempt to change it. Yet the committee has not been able to act on the senate's resolution to change the committee to an all-student group because it is not within the student's power. In response to another student Senate resolution requesting an end to "double jeopardy," Larson stated that the question hasn't come up this year.

Parents Day Scheduled

If your parents have not as yet had the opportunity to get a look at our campus, Friday, May 9, is the date for them to pay a visit. The college is preparing an interesting program for them, complete with tours and entertainment. Some of your parents have never seen the campus up close, and others, who may have gone here to college themselves, will find the campus quite changed. So this is indeed the time for them to visit.

The Parents' Day Program will be held 9:30-12:00, Registration-Coffee, Commencement Memorial Hall 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Convocation, Center for the Arts Auditorium 2:00-4:00, Tours and Displays, Commencement Memorial Hall 11:00-12:00: Student Panel, Center for the Arts Auditorium

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Holy Rock

The Comstock Memorial Union Ballroom was the scene of a Rock-Communion Worship Service Sunday, April 13. About 40 persons attended the service, which was sponsored by the United Campus Ministry under the direction of Richard Kretzschmar.

This "... unabashed, but new way of looking at Christianity Worship" was the beginning of a non-denominational program calling for more experimentation in contemporary worship. Using the form of a conventional church service as a starting point, Sunday's service took off on its own to bring a new approach to Christian fellowship.

Folk music, featuring guitarist Eric Pelikosian of Wadena, provided the format for hymns, and the entire service called for involvement on the part of those assembled for worship. The service was led by Jerry Haas, president of the United Campus Ministry, with the Witness being given by Bob Greener, Kretzschmar, director of UM, performed the rites of Communion.

It is hoped that through a favorable response this program of experimentation may be continued, with its aim of a more personal worship service fulfilled. The ECM welcomes any comments, inquiries and suggestions for its program.

"...a world where everything is not known but is a new and unknown world."

---Erwin Stein
Unity and Action

The number of students in the Fargo-Moorhead area who have seen their university's role in the development of the community has increased over the last few years. In fact, one could argue that the community's role in the university's development has been as significant as the university's role in the community's development. This trend has been driven by the increased emphasis on community involvement, with more students participating in community service projects and organizing events to benefit the community.

Outside campus, students and faculty and some administration officials have become at least "disenchanted" with the way in which the university is not only making a contribution to the community but also taking on some of the responsibilities of the community itself. This has led to a growing frustration with the lack of a clear and consistent direction for the university's role in the community.

The response from the faculty and administration has been to increase the number of community service opportunities and to provide more funding for these initiatives. However, many students feel that these efforts are not sufficient and that more needs to be done. Some students have even called for the creation of a separate community service office to oversee these initiatives.

The issue of unity and action is a complex one, and there are many different perspectives on how to address it. However, it is clear that there is a need for more collaboration between the university and the community, and that the university must take a more active role in promoting community involvement.

Senate Elects New Members

The dead-lock between Peter Kielbasa and Don Wholmes that resulted in the election of a new Senate president finally resulted in the election of the April 15th Student Senate. The new Senate president is Donald Wholmes, who was elected by a margin of 54 to 46 votes. The new Senate president will take office on May 1st.

The Senate is an important body in the university, and its actions can have a significant impact on the university community. The new Senate president will have the opportunity to work with the university administration to address some of the key issues facing the university.

The election of the new Senate president was an important step in the process of building unity and action on campus. It is clear that the university community is ready to take a more active role in addressing the challenges facing the university, and that the Senate will play a key role in this process.
ABM Facts

To the Editor:

The article “ABM Stirs F-M Area” in the April 11th, Mistic deals exclusively with the ABM as a national question and not with activity in regard to that issue in the F-M area as the headline indicated.

Actually, there has been a good deal of activity on the ABM issue in the F-M area in the past several months in connection with the deployment of the Anti-Ballistic Missile System - North Dakota Citizens Against The ABM - was formed in Fargo on March 23rd. Since that time, three chapters have been formed in Valley City, Bismarck-Mandan, Dickinson, Minot, and Grand Forks. Groups are being formed this week in Jamestown and Williston, leaving just three cities above 10,000 in population without chapters of NDCA-ABM.

NDCA-ABM has three basic objectives: to inform people in this area and throughout North Dakota about the scientific, economic, political, and moral implications of deployment of the ABM system; to make North Dakota’s Congressional delegation responsive to constituents; and to make the national action of the opposition to the ABM system in the F-M area and in North Dakota.

There will be a state-wide meeting on NDCA-ABM in Fargo on Sunday, April 27th, featuring a prominent political speaker and a scientist from Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago. An ex- cess of forty people will be able to attend.

Any student or faculty member interested in participating in planned programs of NDCA-ABM should call 237-0876.

Area fraternities and sororities met at NISU last Saturday in what may have been the first running of an annualCharlton Race for F-M Greens.

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Our Feature

Hvelal! The Story of the Grape Strike

by JOAN PRIMEAU

Blueberries have become part of the vocabulary of the sixties. It means "strike" in Spanish, but it also connotes a movement of growing strength among the farm workers of the United States, a movement which faces victory of oppression and poverty but whose momentum is being felt from the halls of the U.S. Congress to the grape fields of California.

The present average income of farm labor is about one-fifth that of workers in the automobile and steel industries, even though their work is certainly as difficult and in many cases indisputably more important to society than that of any other group of laborers. Why have wages been consistently so low? One reason: the agricultural industry has historically depended upon alien or deprived groups to furnish its work force.

In California, where agriculture has always been a big business, requiring a large work force, workers have been drawn from native Indians, to Chinese in the 1860's and 1870's, who had been brought to the U.S. to build the railroads, to Japanese after the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act. When Japanese laborers began forming themselves into associations, growers looked to Mexican peasants, many of whom entered this country illegally, and proved to be more tractable and, partly because of their illegal status, less apt to form themselves into unions than other alien groups.

Subsequent sources of cheap labor have been Filipinos when they were U.S. citizens, dispossessed farmers during the 1930's, and Mexicans again when World War II depleted the labor force.

Organizing attempts have understandably been thwarted in the past by the constantly changing make-up of the farm labor force. When organizing became fruitful, growers turned to rates for their workers, and there was always a minority group depressed enough to accept the marginal living of the fields.

But in the past four years a growing number of farm workers have refused to accept their own exploitation, and are organizing themselves and their brothers into a viable labor union. In 1965 two independent unions, one largely Filipino, the other a Chicago group, took over 30 growers in California's San Joaquin Valley. They asked for wages, hoping to get $1.80 an hour from the usual $9.00 to $12.00 per hour. A relatively modest demand, but not a modest undertaking, by any means.

Growers in California do not for the most part operate small family farms. One of the strike's prime targets, Robert Di Giorgio, not only owns 4,000 acres of land, but is also on the board of directors of Southern Pacific Railway, Union Oil Company, the Bank of America, and Safeway Food Stores. A man like Di Giorgio can let his fields fallow for years without feeling undue financial pressure. And most large growers would rather see their crops rot than let their workers organize.

Yet, in the San Joaquin Valley the farm workers faced an extra-added obstacle in that they are not covered by the National Labor Relations Act. Therefore, even if a majority of the workers at a ranch wish to be represented by a union, their employer is not legally bound to let elections be held to decide which union, if any, will represent them, as would normally be done. Farm workers are also not covered by the minimum wage law.

So of the five or six ranches that the farm workers' union, The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, has organized are victorines disproportionate to their actual financial gain. For they are victories made over two centuries of oppression which is ever so slowly coming. They are hard fought victories, using the only tactics at the laborers' disposal.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This feature supplement to the MISTIC was prepared by a special staff of students along with members of the MISTIC staff itself. The purpose of this special feature is to give our own student body a chance to examine a problem that is right here in our immediate area. It is this editor's feeling that unless we students do become aware of some of the problems that this nation is facing, this society will perish because it refuses to correct the conditions some of its people were forced to live in. The opinions expressed in this special supplement are not necessarily those of all members of the MISTIC staff, the college or the student body.

Five million Americans

by CARL H. GRIFFIN

News Editor

Today with more than five million of them in the United States -- 80 per cent in California and Texas -- Mexican Americans are the second largest minority group in the United States and the largest Spanish speaking Americans.

A great percentage of them are migrants who make their living moving about the country as farmhands. Many come to the Red River Valley to labor during the sugar beet season.

A recent study by the National Advisory Committee on Mexican Education required that millions of Mexican Americans suffer from poverty, discrimination and cultural isolation.

In our own Red River Valley one finds a number of the problems cited by various government agencies -- inadequate housing, polluted drinking water and grossly inadequate wages.

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Rats in Cisterns

Does anyone care

by RUDOLPH PALOMO

Many have probably seen the commercial on TV where there is a rocking chair in an unkept room, a rat makes his entrance and noses around the room, and a child's voice says, "There kitty kitty, here kitty kitty!" Then there is a pause, and a voice says -- "Has your child ever mistaken a rat for a cat?"

A Migrant mother would understand how it feels to have her child make that mistake, for this is a common everyday scene in the homes provided for the Mexican-American families that house breaks in the Red River Valley.

My mother used to buy poison and rat traps to get rid of the rats. On a good night I would hear the traps snap 5 to 10 times. I often have thought that there should be a bounty on rats. If there was, I would probably be rich by now.

Rats get into the cisterns that provide the drinking water. It is an easy task for them, for the cisterns are usually made of wood.

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